

REMARKS

The allowance of claims 11 - 13, is acknowledged.

Applicants note that claim 14, which stands withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected species, should be considered allowable with allowed parent claim 11. As noted in the response filed January 18, 2005, claim 11 which stands allowed is considered to a generic claim, and upon allowance of a generic claim, applicants are entitled to consideration of other species which depend from the generic claim, although non-elected. Thus, applicants submit that in addition to the allowance of independent claim 11 and its dependent claims 12 and 13, dependent claim 14, which presently stands withdrawn from consideration should also be considered, in that it depends from allowed claim 11. Accordingly, applicants submit that claim 14 should be considered and found allowable at this time.

Although the Examiner indicates in this office action that claims 4 - 8, 14, 17 and 18 are withdrawn from consideration, in the prior office action of April 7, 2005, the Examiner indicated that also claim 20 was withdrawn from consideration. Therefore, by the present amendment, applicants have canceled the withdrawn claims including claim 20 other than claim 14, without prejudice to the filing of a divisional application.

By the present amendment, claims 1 - 3, 9, 10,, 15, 16, 19, 21 and 22 which stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Hanazawa, have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof, thereby obviating such rejection, and applicants consider that a discussion of Hanazawa et al with respect to the aforementioned claims is considered unnecessary.

In view of the above amendment, applicants submit that only allowed claims 11 - 13, and dependent claim 14, which depends from allowed claim 11, remain in

this application and all such claims should now be in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, issuance of a notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 501.42956X00), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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